(a) whether students are pursuing simultaneous education in BCA and MCA in IGNOU and some of them have even passed all papers of MCA;

(b) whether some students have not cleared all papers of BCA inspite of more than nine/ten attempts;

(c) if so, the reasons for IGNOU not awarding degrees of MCA and BCA to such students like that in Delhi University which is awarding degree of Graduation to students in such eventuality; and

(d) the steps being taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) As per information provided by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), it offers BCA-MCA in integrated mode with modular approach where, BCA-MCA programme are integrated in order to provide flexibility to the students. Student cannot pursue courses of BCA and MCA concurrently. However, students are allowed to give examination of leftover courses of BCA/MCA alongwith the current courses of BCA/MCA which student is pursuing.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per information provided by IGNOU, there is no provision to award degree of MCA and BCA without clearing all the courses.

(d) The University has decided to accommodate such students by allowing them of old syllabus of MCA and BCA to clear their left-out courses till December 2010 Term-end-Examination. Moreover, any student who could not complete the programme can take readmission to same programme and avail facility of credit transfer.

SC/ST students enrolled in Navodaya Vidyalayas

1772. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of male/female students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) enrolled in Navodaya Vidyalayas during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to enhance the existing percentage of enrolment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) A statement showing the number of boys and girls belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes enrolled in Navodaya Vidyalayas during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 in each State/UT is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir. Seats are reserved in Navodaya Vidyalayas for children from Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) in proportion to their population in the concerned district, but not less than 15% for SC and 7.5% for ST.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

The State-wise details of Male/Female SC/ST students enrolled in Navodaya Vidyalayas during 2007-08 and 2008-09

Sl. No.	State/UTs	SC Male		SC Female		ST Male		ST Female	
		2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1724	1766	760	784	846	822	264	293
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	40	57	33	30	1869	2810	1075	453
3.	Assam	925	992	669	709	1195	1502	955	777
4.	Bihar	1910	2344	941	623	366	482	180	128
5.	Chandigarh	82	89	66	72	3	4	1	3
6.	Chhattisgarh	664	707	332	354	1059	1177	530	588
7.	Daman and Diu	19	20	9	10	12	13	6	6
8.	Delhi	174	161	106	105	23	21	14	20
9.	Goa	12	24	6	12	37	49	18	24
10.	Gujarat	875	891	432	440	660	682	326	337
11.	Himachal Pradesh	958	978	670	682	389	409	343	358
12.	Haryana	1594	1702	576	629	27	46	15	23
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	460	468	222	226	765	843	461	529
14.	Jharkhand	913	1314	450	162	1357	2095	669	260
15.	Karnataka	1779	1842	854	874	829	866	446	497
16.	Kerala	758	741	520	572	143	135	123	149
17.	Madhya Pradesh	3221	3329	1611	1665	2525	2725	1263	1363
18.	Maharashtra	2041	1973	1009	975	893	958	442	474
19.	Manipur	269	357	249	176	854	902	891	967
20.	Meghalaya	27	35	24	12	859	861	700	752
21.	Mizoram	6	5	4	3	267	324	233	322
22.	Nagaland	6	8	6	7	715	856	630	613

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
23.	Orissa	1373	1459	687	730	1675	1793	838	896
24.	Punjab	2106	2213	1277	1377	4	10	2	5
25.	Rajasthan	2839	2845	741	782	1789	1784	611	632
26.	Sikkim	57	69	47	45	259	256	236	211
27.	Silvasa	1	11	3	6	69	74	34	37
28.	Tripura	157	189	137	141	236	265	211	201
29.	Uttar Pradesh	7305	7245	1544	1510	346	740	91	91
30.	Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep	224	226	121	135	135	142	135	129
31.	Uttarakhand	792	809	247	236	170	183	77	93
32.	West Bengal	447	828	220	35	106	214	53	9
	Total	33762	35697	14573	14119	20482	24143	11873	11240

National Commission for Higher Education and Research

1773. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given its approval for setting up of proposed National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER);

(b) if so, whether Government has opted to keep medical and agricultural education out of the ambit of NCHER;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is proposed that a collegium of eminent academics and experts will be set up for selection of Vice-Chancellors of universities and other top academic and research posts; and

(e) if so, by when the proposal is expected to be finalized and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) to (e) A Task Force to, *inter alia*, aid and assist the Government in the establishment of the National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) has been constituted which would look into the ambit, powers and functions to be entrusted to the proposed NCHER as well as the proposal to establish collegium of eminent academic. In regard to Medical Education, the President has in her address to Parliament on 4th June, 2009 stated the proposal to create a National Council for Human Resources in Health.